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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121  
and  
SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.115**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Official Action mailed July 17, 2002 (paper number 6). As the Action provided a thirty day period for response, this paper is timely filed.

Response to Restriction

The Office Action requires election under 35 USC §121 between six groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-8, drawn to a process for modifying CNSL;
- Group II: Claim 9, drawn to a mixture of aldehydes;
- Group III: Claim 10, drawn to a method of converting CNSL aldehydes to an adhesive;
- Group IV: Claims 11-15, drawn to an adhesive composition;
- Group V: Claims 16-18, drawn to a method of forming a composite; and
- Group VI: Claims 19-21, drawn to a composite.

In response to the requirement, Applicants elect Group VI, without traverse, and without prejudice to their right to prosecute the non-elected claims in one or more subsequently filed applications.

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